

News Release

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YOUTH CONSERVATION CORPS CHINCOTEAGUE NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE SUMMER EMPLOYMENT 2009

Chincoteague National Wildlife Refuge will host a Youth Conservation Corps (YCC) camp during the summer of 2009. YCC offers summer employment to youth, ages 15 through 18, interested in conservation-related career fields. Local high school students are encouraged to take advantage of this exciting and challenging opportunity for summer employment.

The 8-week program at Chincoteague NWR will run from June 29 through August 21, 2009. The YCC is a non-residential program which means that enrollees will reside at home and commute daily to the refuge. This position will require working in hot, humid, and buggy conditions; but will challenge their minds and be rewarding as new skills to complete a variety of different projects. Enrollees will earn federal minimum wage while working 40 hours per week, Monday through Friday. Refuge Manager Lou Hinds states "This program will offer youth an opportunity to gain work experience while learning more about the value of natural resources in their own backyard."

For more information or to request an enrollee application, call Chincoteague National Wildlife Refuge, (757) 336 – 6122 x 336. Enrollee applications will also be available at the information desk located in the Herbert H. Bateman Educational and Administrative Center, deadline for enrollee application is April 15, 2009.

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